

Reformed Church of Palmyra
236 Canandaigua St.
Palmyra, NY 14522

The Best Valentine is GOD

*"For God so loved the world that
he gave his one and only Son, that
whoever believes in Him shall not
perish but have everlasting life."*

John 3:16

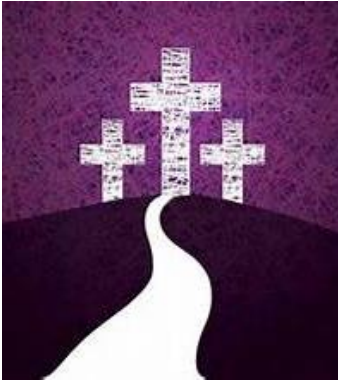


The Messenger

Reformed Church of Palmyra Newsletter

January, February 2024

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Contact Carol Fanelli at 716-512-0589 or church email to be switched.



Lent

signifies a solemn 40-day period preceding Easter. Commencing on Ash Wednesday and concluding on Holy Saturday, Lent is characterized by fasting, prayer, and repentance as believers prepare for the celebration of Easter Sunday. This season of reflection and self-discipline involves practices such as abstaining from certain indulgences, fostering a deeper spiritual connection, and commemorating the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

Thank you, to the friend who sent us the following”:

Each of us may know people who hate change, but for us, change is part of being a Christian. Every Christian will go through three major changes in life. The really good news is that all of the changes are toward becoming like Christ---unchangeable---and living in an unchanging eternity.

Born as sons of Adam, *“we were brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did our mother conceive us.”* And *“just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men.”* Our legal standing before God was initially one of being guilty and justly under condemnation. But God brought about a change in our legal status. *“For while we were still helpless, at the appointed moment, Christ died for the ungodly . . . God proves His own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us! Much more then, since we have now been declared righteous by His blood, we will be saved through Him from wrath.”* A new birth into a new creation through a new Adam has changed us from *“children of wrath”* into sons of God.

“Look at how great a love the Father has given us that we should be called God’s children.” As *“new creations in Christ Jesus,”* we enter the lifelong process of sanctification---progressive change---*“being transformed into His image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.”* We are *“transformed by the renewing of our mind, so that we may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.”*

The last change comes after physical death. This final change will be instantaneous---*“we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.”* *“Dear friends, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet been revealed. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him because we will see Him as He is.”* *“Thanks be to God, who gives us this victory (who brings about these changes) through our Lord Jesus Christ.”*



For further meditation:

Psalm 51:5; Romans 5:6-12; Ephesians 2:1-5

*2 Corinthians 3:18; Romans 12:2
1 Corinthians 15:50-57; 1 John 3:1-3*

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Please Keep in Prayer

Contact Carol Fanelli (716-512-0589) to have a name added and also let her know when a name can come off.

Prayers For:

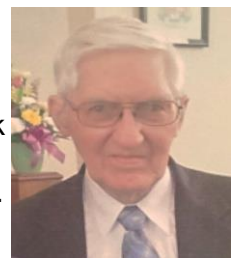
- * **Cal Bucknam** – home and doing well
- * **Sean Edmunds** – home and doing well
- * **Bob Sitterley** (Rick's Dad)
- * **Ruth Lonneville** (friend of Carol Wandersee)
- * **Laurie Davis** (niece of Dave & Carol Fanelli)
- * **Lee Nichols** (friend of Dave & Carol)
- * **Mike Buck** (nephew of Dave & Carol)
- * **Ed Fickess** (friend of David Kish)
- * **Susan Johnson** (a friend of Amy Sitterley)
- * **Josh** (Marlene Slocum's nephew)
- * **Dan Buchiere** (Rocco's friend)

Community, Country, and the World:

- The victims of warfare
- Replace hatred with love in people's hearts
- The victims of natural disasters
- The local organizations who offer help:
 - Palmyra/Macedon Food Pantry
 - Green Angels
 - Good Neighbor Fund
 - Grace House
 - CareNet Crisis Center
 - East Palmyra Christian School
 - Palmyra Community Center
- Those in the military and our veterans
- Show our government officials your love
- Those who must practice their faith in secret on fear of being killed
- Missionaries that our church support
- All missionaries around the world

Condolences:

- ♥ Our sincere sympathy to **Carol Wandersee, her brother, Homer Reitz**, passed away in November. Lord, please be with Carol and his family.
- ♥ **Cornelius VanderWerf** passed away on Jan. 2, 2024. He is Home! We mourn his loss, but he is rejoicing! Thank you, Lord for sharing your servant with us all these years. Tim DeVey, his nephew, is asking for any pictures of Corney's life. Corney lost so much in his house fire. So, if you might have pictures of him, please call Tim at 585-451-0487.



CHURCH DIRECTORY

Consistory:

Elder

Preston Smith	315-576-8680
Chris Bucknam	315-576-7791
David Ondra	585-831-1941
Rick Sitterley	585-329-0307

Deacon

Dave Fanelli	585-545-0908
Todd Pipitone	585-469-5699
Josh Hale	585-305-5532

Petr Premyslovsky	Treasurer	315-879-1791
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PRAYER SUPPORT

If you would like Prayer Support, please:

- ♥ Call Preston Smith (315-576-8680) or a Consistory Member
- ♥ Leave a message on the church phone 315-597-4341
- ♥ Fill out a Prayer Request Form, found in the tract rack in the Sanctuary foyer
- ♥ Come to a Prayer Meeting on Wednesday

Information regarding our service

- **Sunday School**, for all ages, is from 9:30-10:15 a.m.
- The **Offertory plates** are not passed; they are in the Sanctuary on the back table and table by the elevator.
- **Venmo** is available.
- Our service is **live streamed via YouTube**.
- **Closed-Circuit TV** is available downstairs in the Comfy Room
- **Free daily devotionals and DVDs** are available in the sanctuary on the back table
- A **Nursery** for young children is downstairs
- **Refreshments** are served in the Fellowship Hall downstairs after the service.

Congratulations:

- **Brennan Pipitone** has been accepted to Utica University. He will be studying to be a Physical Education teacher. Good going Brennan!
- **Amy Sitterley** has been appointed Town Clerk for the year 2024 in Phelps. Congrats Amy!!

Future new additions to our congregation:

- ♥ **Emily & Preston are expecting in April**
- ♥ **Steve & Brittany are expecting in July**

Congratulations!



New addresses:

- **Roy Vanderwall** - Thompson Hospital, Pines Rehab & Continuing Care Center, Room 151, Canandaigua, NY 14424.
- **Eunice Reynolds**, her address is: Victor View Assistant Living, 1440 St. Rt. 444, Victor, NY 14564.

A Big Welcome:

Mary Hawkins and Rocco Pizzirusso have become the newest members of the Reformed Church of Palmyra. **Welcome!!**

Happy Birthday:

PLEASE, let Carol Fanelli know of any special occasions that you would like to share with our church family

Jan.	2	Bella Gowen
	5	Jack Thompson
	9	Dakota McMullen
	11	Kaylie Thompson

Thank you to ALL! We packed 75 shoeboxes for Samaritan Purse Operation Christmas Child; and an additional 25 white boxes for Samaritan Purse. Mission of the Month in November collected for the postage and the General Fund paid the additional amount for the \$1,000 postage.

Thank you from **Debi, Doug and Elma Fox** for your prayers for Debi. She has returned home from ICU. Praise the Lord!

Thank you to our **bible study leaders, Sunday School teachers, Jr. Church supervisors & various committee members, our Consistory members and ALL who assist with the church.** Thank you to **Cheryl Mason** and the Fellowship Team (**Ashley McMullen, Joanna Mason, Marcy**

	12	Emily Ondra
	14	Monica Mashner
	14	Hunter Thompson
	17	Mike Holbein
	17	Brittany Hullings
	19	Raquel Kish
	23	Bonnie Greene
	24	Cal Bucknam
	26	Andrew LaGrand
	31	Tina Haak
Feb.	1	Joan Bucknam (90 yrs.)
	1	Steven Crane Hullings
	5	Darlene Smith
	9	Louis DiLella
	9	Amy Sitterley
	11	Joshua Edmunds
	11	Owen Kish
	11	Olivia Kish
	14	Deb Wood
	15	Roy Vanderwall (95 yrs.)
	15	Whitney Welch
	19	Sharon Taber
	21	Jerry Majewski
	22	Chastity Thompson
	26	Rinley Hullings
	28	Jodi Hares

Happy Anniversary:

Jan.	2	Cal & Joan Bucknam (70 th)
	7	Jim & Linda Harden
	15	Roger & Barb Geesaman
	19	Scott & Chastity Thompson
	23	Sean & Donna Edmunds

THANK YOU

White, and Cheryl) for volunteering to supervise the Coffee Hour and other church related activities.

Thank you to those who took down the Christmas tree in the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary. Thank you to those who put the items away.

Thank you to our **Technology team, our security team, custodian, education team, and those who help when help is needed.**

Thank you to **Len & Roberta Main** work at for working at the Food Pantry.

Thank you to the **Consistory** for looking out for the spiritual health of our church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A congregational meeting was held on Jan. 7 to discuss the Consistory's recommendation to leave the Reformed Church of America and join the Evangelical Free Church of America. Rev. Kerry Doyal (of the EFCA) was our worship leader and had a question-and-answer period during Fellowship Time. A **"straw" vote**, of the active members, was held on Jan. 14. The results of the vote will be in the next newsletter.

A **copy of the "proposed" new bylaws**, created by our Consistory, are available on the back table in the sanctuary, please take a copy for your information and comments.

Fellowship Sundays - - New - - On the last Sunday of each month our church family will come together for a potluck lunch and fellowship, time of worship and a short Bible teaching. As the Lord enlarges His family here, this will be a wonderful opportunity for us to grow closer to Him, as well as to one another. Whether you are a member or not, please come!

Jan. 28 – Chili & Dessert Cook-off

Feb. 25 – Soup Luncheon

Any questions, please contact **Cheryl Mason**

Communion will be held January 14 and February 11. Please contact Preston or a Consistory member to have communion brought to you if you cannot come for the church celebration. Gluten-free bread will be available.

Mission of Month - first Sunday of each month. A special offering is taken on that Sun.

- ♥ January – Maasai Medical Mission of Kenya
- ♥ February – Pa/IMac Food Pantry

Christian Education meetings are the 2nd Sunday of the month during Fellowship Time. Grab a coffee and snack and please meet in the kitchen about 11:45.

January 14 (postponed due to congregational meeting vote) &
February 11

Morning Senior Bible Study starts at 11:00 am. Lunch is provided by Emily Smith. Thank you!

January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
February 7, 14, 21, 28

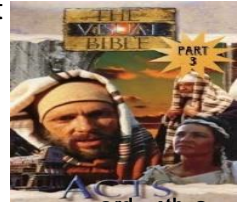
Women's Mission Ministry at 7:00 pm:

Jan. 1 – Assigned dates for 2024
Feb. 5 – Lisa Premyslovsky is hostess

Fill out valentines for the shut-in
Discuss Valentine Community
Family Breakfast

Educational/Media Night:

February 14 is Part 4 of the Book of Acts.



Bible Study is held in the church every 3rd, 4th & 5th Wed. of the month at 7:00 pm. ALL come!

Men's Breakfast is held the 3rd Sat. of every month at 8:00 am. Please bring a breakfast item and your bible.

January 20 & February 17

Jan. 28th we will continue the tradition and



friendly competition of the annual **chili cook-off**....and this year we are adding a **dessert bake-off!** So, chili makers and goodie bakers get ready! See the sign-up sheet in fellowship hall today. Any questions see **Cheryl Mason**



Feb. 4 - there will be a "surprise" 90th birthday party for Joan Bucknam. Her children are providing this surprise after the morning service.

Feb. 10 – Valentine Community Family Breakfast from 9:30-11:00 am.

Feb. 18 – The beginning of Lent and Easter Season.

Feb. 25 – Fellowship Sunday – Soup & Bread luncheon. No competition – just bring homemade soup and bread!

LIBRARY COMMITTEE - This is great weather for reading! We've got some new books, which the Library Committee has placed in the bookcase in the downstairs hallway. Please take a few minutes to browse through the titles; there are some good ones. Sign out a book or two (or more), and go home, brew some hot tea, coffee, cocoa (take your pick), and snuggle up with a warm blanket and a good book! Relax! Enjoy! It's a great way to combat the winter blahs and deepen your walk with



Jesus at the same time! Happy reading! The Library Committee.

There is a selection of multi-occasion cards for anyone to take and send to others in the PRC family; check out the rack next to the library downstairs. Thank you, Cheryl!!

Josh Hale is now our building superintendent. Please be sure to inform him of any dates or activities that may require use of the church.

Results of the Congregational meeting are: Budget for 2024 passed unanimously, re-elected to Elder were Preston Smith and Dave Ondra; re-elected as Deacon was David Fanelli.

There are Christian CD's and books on the back table in the sanctuary that are free. Please take them.

Activity Timeline:

Sunday School	Every Sun 9:30-10:15 am
Worship Service	Sun. at 10:30 am
Jr. Church & Nursery	During Sunday service
Sr. Bible Study	Every Wed. with lunch 11:00 am
Women's Ministry	1 st Mon. of month at 7:00 pm
Consistory	1 st Wed. of month at 7:00 pm
Christian Education	2 nd Sun. of mo. at 11:45 am
Education/Media Night	2 nd Wed. of mo. at 7:00 pm
Men's Breakfast	3 rd Sat. of the mo., 8:00 am
Bible Study	3 rd , 4 th , 5 th Wed. mo., 7:00 pm
Fellowship Sunday	Last Sunday of each month

Ways to help others:

1) Reformed Church of Palmyra has boxes & containers (in the kitchen by the church phone) for:

- Used stamps - Alliance Stamp Ministry
- Pull top tabs from beverage cans
- Food Pantry
- Bottles/cans with a 5-cent deposit can be left in the black plastic bag below the phone in the kitchen (these go to EPCS)

2) Pal-Mac Food Pantry:

All soaps	Canned fruit	Pasta	Bread
Spagh. sauce	Peanut butter	Jelly	Soup
Pancake mix	Syrup	Cereal	Juices
Canned meals	Boxed meals	Canned veg/fruit	
Toilet paper	Hygiene items	Reusable bags	

The collection box is in the kitchen on the recycling shelves behind the kitchen door.

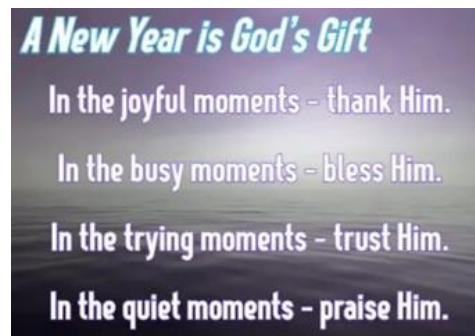
3) EPCS

Get the following at the EPCS office:

- Greeting cards sold individually for \$1 per card (or by the box for an even cheaper deal!). We offer cards for all different occasions.
- Rada Cutlery- These make great gifts! These too, are also located at the school and you can take them right home with you after purchase. Prices vary.
- Cookbooks: \$5
- Wilhelmina mints: \$2

Also

- ♥ Bottles/cans with a 5-cent deposit can be left in the apple crate outside the school
- ♥ Used printer cartridges can be left in the box outside with the bottles.
- ♥ **Opportunities for employment** in various positions. Here at EPCS, we require a candidate with the following qualities: A love for Christ, a passion for education, and a love for students. This individual should have at least a bachelor's degree. If you know someone who would be a great fit for our school, please have them send their resume and a statement of faith to rrobbins@eastpal.org.
 - High School Mathematics Teacher - This position for someone with experience and a passion for math.
 - High School Humanities Teacher - This position would be for someone with experience and a passion for History and English.
 - High School Science Teacher - This position would be great for someone with experience and a passion for science.
 - Educational Administration - We would be looking for someone with experience in educational administration to complement the strengths and weaknesses of our current team.
 - Substitute Teachers - If you can follow the recipe that the classroom teacher has prepared, be able to adapt to changes quickly and joyfully, and have classroom management skills. We need you!



CALENDAR



Jan. 3 & 10 – Bible Study at 11:00am with lunch
 Jan. 3 – Consistory at 7:00pm
 Jan. 7 – Mission of the Month
 Jan. 8 – Women’s Ministry
 Jan. 10 – Educational Media Night 7:00pm
 Jan. 14 – Communion
 – Congregational meeting.
 Jan. 17, 24, 31 – Bible Study at 11:00am with
 lunch Also
 – 7:00 pm Bible Study
 Jan. 20 – Men’s Breakfast 8:00am
 Jan. 28 – Day of Fellowship luncheon
 Chili & Dessert cook-off

Feb. 4 – Mission of the Month
 – Surprise birthday party for Joan Bucknam
 Feb. 5 – Women’s Ministry 7:00pm
 Feb. 7 & 14 – Bible Study at 11:00am with lunch
 Feb. 11 – Communion
 – Christian Education meeting at 11:45 am
 Feb. 14 – Media Education Night at 7:00pm
 Feb. 17 – Men’s Breakfast 8:00am
 Feb. 18 – Start of Lent
 Feb. 21 & 28 – Bible Study at 11:00 am with lunch
 – 7:00 pm Bible Study.
 Feb. 25 – Fellowship Sunday – Soup & Bread
 luncheon



Greeter/Usher:

Jan.	7	Chris & Audrey Hohenboken
	14	Mike & Diana Holbein
	21	Caleb & Joanna Mason
	28	Peter & Cheryl Mason
Feb.	4	Len & Roberta Main
	11	Dave Ondra
	18	Rocco Pizzirusso
	25	Premyslovsky family

Refreshments:

Jan.	7	Luncheon.
	14	Joyce Bucknam & Carol Wandersee
	21	Ella DeRuyter & Donna Edmunds
	28	Fellowship Sunday – “Chili & Dessert Cook-Off
Feb.	4	Audrey Hohenboken & Linda Harden
	11	Roberta Main & Cheryl Mason
	18	Ashley McMullen & Carrie Nies
	25	Fellowship Sunday – Soup & Bread luncheon

Flowers:

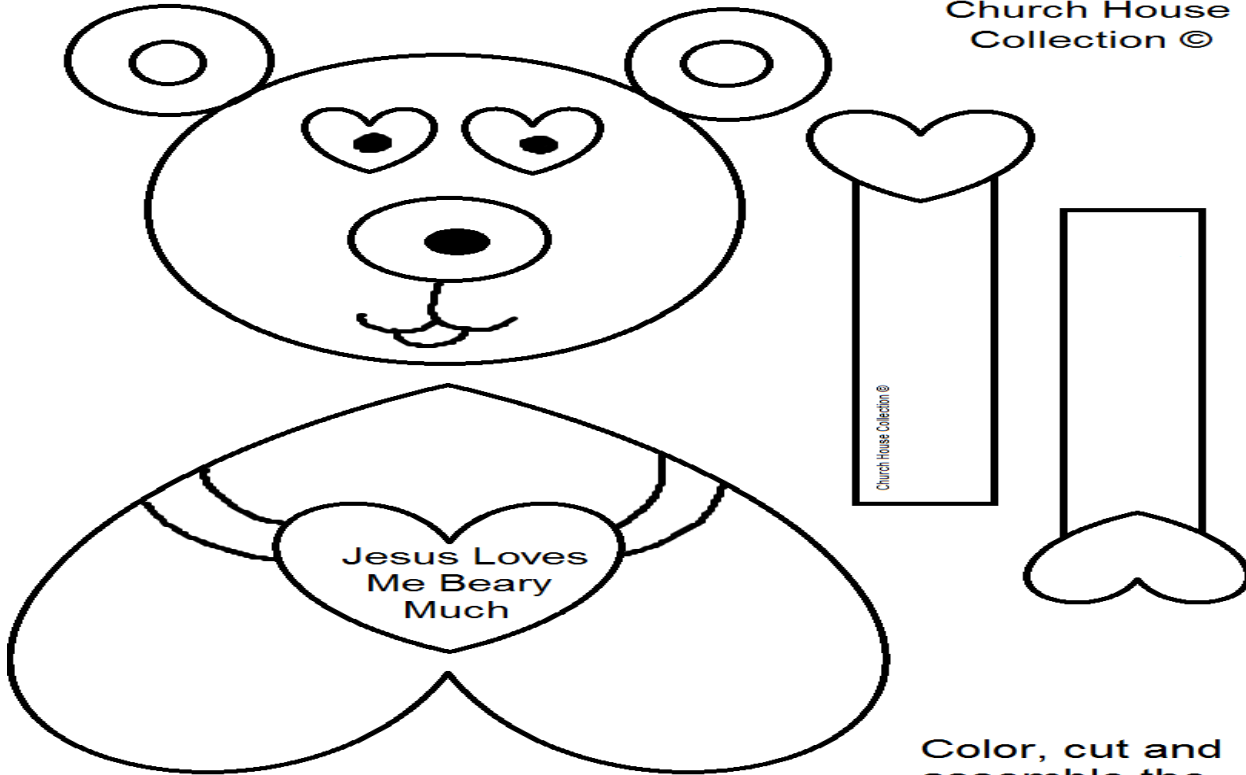
Jan.	7	
	14	Lenny & Roberta Main in loving memory of John & Kate Blankenberg
	21	Dave & Carol Fanelli in loving memory of Margaret & Marinus Michielsen
	28	Olivia & Owen Kish
Feb.	4	Bob & Linda VanderMeere, loving memory of son Stephen & wife Amy VanderMeere
	11	OPEN
	18	Petr & Lisa Premyslovsky in loving memory of Nancy Ondra
	25	Carol Wandersee in loving of deceased church members

Jr. Church/Nursery

Jan.	7	Lisa P., Jeff Brannan, Spencer Nies
	14	Elena Colon, Glendy Hale, Kerstin P
	21	David & Raquel Kish, Thomas
	28	Chris & Audrey Hohenboken, Brennan Pipitone
Feb.	4	Steven & Brittany Hullings, Kerstin Pipitone
	11	Devin & Ella DeRuyter, David P
	18	Lisa, Jeff, Spencer
	25	Elena Colon, Glendy Hale, Kerstin

For Children (Of all ages)

Church House
Collection ©



Color, cut and
assemble the
bear.

BIBLE SWEETHEARTS **Match Game**

Connect the men on the left to their sweethearts on the right.

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|---------------|---|-------|--------------|
| 1. ADAM | & | _____ | A. SARAH |
| 2. JOSEPH | & | _____ | B. NAOMI |
| 3. SAMPSON | & | _____ | C. REBECKAH |
| 4. ABRAHAM | & | _____ | D. RACHEL |
| 5. ZACHARIAS | & | _____ | E. JEZEBEL |
| 6. BOAZ | & | _____ | F. SAPPHIRA |
| 7. URIAH | & | _____ | G. DRUSILLA |
| 8. NABAL | & | _____ | H. EVE |
| 9. JACOB | & | _____ | I. MARY |
| 10. AHAB | & | _____ | J. DELILAH |
| 11. FELIX | & | _____ | K. ABIGAIL |
| 12. HEBER | & | _____ | L. BATHSHEBA |
| 13. ISAAC | & | _____ | M. RAHAB |
| 14. ANANIAS | & | _____ | N. RUTH |
| 15. ELIMELECH | & | _____ | O. Jael |
| | | | P. ELISABETH |

Occupational Hymns

The Dentist's Hymn.....Crown Him with Many Crowns
The Weatherman's Hymn..There Shall Be Showers of Blessings
The Contractor's Hymn.....How Firm a Foundation
The Tailor's Hymn.....Holy, Holy, Holy
The Politician's Hymn.....Standing on the Promises
The IRS Agent's Hymn.....I Surrender All
The Gossip's Hymn.....It Is No Secret
The Electrician's Hymn.....Send The Light
The Shopper's Hymn.....In the Sweet By and By
The Realtor's Hymn.....I've Got a Mansion Just Over the Hilltop
The Massage Therapist's Hymn.....He Touched Me
The Pilot's Hymn.....I'll Fly Away
The Paramedic's Hymn.....Revive Us Again
The Judge's Hymn.....Almost Persuaded
The Psychiatrist's Hymn.....Just A Little Talk With Jesus
The Waiter's Hymn.....Fill My Cup, Lord
The Baker's Hymn.....When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder
The Shoe Repairer's Hymn.....It Is Well With My Soul
The Geologist's Hymn.....Rock of Ages
The Librarian's Hymn.....Whispering Hope
The Mail Carrier's Hymn.....Deliverance Will Come
The Nurse's Hymn.....Rescue the Perishing
The Telephone Operator's Hymn.....Jesus on the Mainline
The Fisherman's Hymn.....Shall We Gather at the River?